

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 COPENH 01642 091639Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 SP-02 INR-10 INRE-00
NSCE-00 CIAE-00 TRSE-00 COME-00 /040 W
-----035266 091726Z /47 S
O R 091612Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6124
INFO EC COLLECTIVE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1642

USEEC ALSO FOR EMBASSY

STATE PASS TREASURY

E.O.: 11652: GDS
TAGS: EEC, DA
SUBJ: PROPOSED MEETING WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

REFS: (A) TREASURY (PRICE)-EMBASSY (WHITE) TELCON MARCH 8;
(B) COPENHAGEN 1217; (C) STATE 53705

1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS GRATEFUL FOR SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S OFFER TO MEET WITH FINANCE MINISTER HEINESSEN ON MARCH 14. FINANCE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY ERLING JORGENSEN, HOWEVER, AFTER MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ON MARCH 8, INFORMED AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT PREFERRED INSTEAD A MEETING SOMETIME DURING THE LATTER THREE WEEKS IN APRIL.

2. JORGENSEN, SPEAKING FOR DANISH GOVERNMENT, POINTED OUT THAT A MEETING ON MARCH 14 WOULD NOT BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR DENMARK INASMUCH AS HEINESSEN WOULD NOT HAVE MET RECENTLY WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM OTHER EC COUNTRIES. THE EC FINANCE MINISTERS WILL MEET, HOWEVER, ON MARCH 20, AND JORGENSEN FEELS CERTAIN THAT PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS OF MUTUAL IN-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 COPENH 01642 091639Z

TEREST TO THE U.S. AND THE EC CAN EMERGE FROM IT.

3. JORGENSEN ALSO STATED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT PREFERS THAT MINISTER PER HAEKKERUP RATHER THAN HEINESSEN HAVE THE CONTACT WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. HAEKKERUP, NOW MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND A FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE, IS THE GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PLANNING WITHIN THE EC CONTEXT.

(HAEKKERUP IS GIVEN CREDIT IN DENMARK FOR DEVELOPING THE "CONVOY CONCEPT" TO REPLACE THE "LOCOMOTIVE CONCEPT" OF PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH--SEE REF B). HAEKKERUP'S ECONOMIC PRE-EMINENCE IN DENMARK IS SHOWN BY THE FACT THAT IT IS HE AND NOT HEINESEN WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EC COUNCIL OF FINANCE MINISTERS DURING DENMARK'S EC PRESIDENCY. HEINESEN SITS ON THAT COUNCIL ONLY AS DENMARK'S REPRESENTATIVE BUT REPLACES HAEKKERUP AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IF HAEKKERUP IS ABSENT. (HAEKKERUP HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH RECENTLY. SHOULD HE NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN APRIL OR AT SUCH TIME AS AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IS ARRANGED, THEN HEINESEN WOULD GO IN HIS PLACE.)

4. JORGENSEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO HOLD TALKS WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL NOT IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNAL EC MEETINGS BUT AS A PRELUDE TO THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING OF THE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS NOW ANTICIPATED FOR JULY. AS PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN INFORMED SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON (PARA 5 OF REF C), THE DANES WILL BE INVOLVED IN EC PREPARATIONS FOR THE JULY SUMMIT MEETING.

5. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED US TO CONVEY ITS REGRETS THAT IT WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 14 DATE PROPOSED BY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND TO REQUEST THAT HE INDICATE DATES DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN APRIL WHEN HE COULD RECEIVE MINISTER HAEKKERUP (OR HEINESEN, IF HAEKKERUP
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 COPENH 01642 091639Z

IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL). WHILE THE DANES PREFER APRIL, THEY WOULD, IF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IS UNAVAILABLE THEN, BE AGREEABLE TO A LATER DATE.

6. ONCE A DATE HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON, AND AFTER THE DANES HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH OTHER EC FINANCE MINISTERS, THEY WILL SUGGEST TOPICS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.
DEAN

NOTE BY OC/T: DISTRIBUTION CORRINATED WITH MS. ROBINSON, S/S-O.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978COPENH01642
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780106-0652
Format: TEL
From: COPENHAGEN USEEC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780389/aaaacxej.tel
Line Count: 105
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9b05d9ca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 COPENHAGEN 1217, 78 STATE 53705
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3391335
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROPOSED MEETING WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL
TAGS: OCON, DA, EEC, (BLUMENTHAL, MICHAEL M)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9b05d9ca-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014